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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MOVE OF OPEC HEADQUARTERS FROM VIENNA TO

STOCKHOLM

- 1. SWEDISH PRESS NOTICES OVER WEEKEND SPECULATED ON POSSIBLE MOVE OF OPEC HEADQUARTERS FROM VIENNA TO STOCKHOLM AFTER IT HAD BECOME KNOWN THAT SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AT LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR SWEDISH GOVERNMENT BY OPEN MINISTERS IN STOCKHOLM ON JULY 12. MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED FOR ONE PAPER THAT SUCH TALKS HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT STRESSED THAT CONTRACTS WERE OF INFORMAL AND INTRODUCTORY NATURE.
- 2. REASON FOR OPEC MINISTERS' DESIRE TO MOVE TO NEW HEADQUARTERS GIVEN AS "CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FRICTION IN DEALINGS WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES" AND FAULTY SECURITY LEADING TO INCIDENT IN DECEMBER 1975.
- 3. PAPERS NOTED THAT THERE ARE FEW NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO CHOOSE AMONG SHOULD OPEC DECIDE TO LEAVE AUSTRIA. SWITZERLAND WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS CHOICE, BUT, AFTER SUCCESS OF ARRANGEMENTS IN STOCKHOLM IN JULY, SWEDEN IS NOW GIVEN GOOD RUNNER-UP CHANCES OF BEING SELECTED UNCLASSIFIED

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AS NEW HOME. OIL MINISTERS WERE REPORTEDLY MOST SATISFIED WITH STOCKHOLM ARRANGEMENTS.

- 4. POSSIBLE MOVE FROM VIENNA WOULD ENTAIL CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLETELY NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE OPEC HEADQUARTERS. SECURITY ASPECTS COULD THUS BE CONSIDERED FROM SCRATCH.
- 5. ACCORDING TO AP NEWS AGENCY, OPEC SPOKES-MEN IN VIENNA WERE UNWILLING TO COMMENT ON RUMOR OF MOVE TO STOCKHOLM OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT SUCH A DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE OIL MINISTERS, WHO WOULD NOT BE MEETING AGAIN UNTIL DECEMBER IN CARACAS.

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